Unorganised Sector Workers Bill

1055. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Unorganized Sector Workers Bill has been approved by the cabinet;

(b) the salient features of the proposed legislation; and

(c) the manner in which the Bill helps in bringing labour reforms in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) to (c) The Government propose to introduce a comprehensive Bill for the unorganised sector workers. The Bill amongst other provisions also envisages to provide for certain social security measures including old age pension, accident and health insurance cover to the workers. The proposal is under active consideration of the Government.

Skilled professional capability

†1056. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 5 per cent youths under the age group of 20-24 years have capability of professional skill;

(b) if not, Government's assessment in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have assessed requirement of the skilled professional capability in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) and (b) Skill is acquired through formal vocational training and through informal means. It is estimated that only 5 per cent of the labour force

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